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Re: Request for support to Ottawa residents and community social support agencies

Moved by / Motion de: **Councillor L. Dudas**

Seconded by / Appuyée par:

WHEREAS the City of Ottawa has now declared a State of Emergency in response to the continued illegal occupation of Ottawa's downtown;

WHEREAS the methods used by these individuals to illegally occupy the City of Ottawa, and terrorize residents and businesses, utilize unprecedented tactics that have no place in a free and democratic society, such as Canada, and mark an intolerable departure from what could be considered lawful protest;

WHEREAS, throughout this period, countless residents have been under extraordinary distress. And for those who suffer from anxiety, have been victims of violence, or arrived as refugees from war-torn countries, it is causing additional mental-health issues;

WHEREAS agencies dedicated to supporting Ottawa's most vulnerable, such as the Shepherds of Good Hope, have seen volunteers and staff harassed, and even assaulted. As well, after 62 years serving Ottawa most at-risk youth, the Youth Services Bureau of Ottawa has had to shut down their Drop-in Centre for the first time in their history;

WHEREAS due to the sheer number of impacted community social support agencies, organizations that are dedicated to caring for Ottawa's most vulnerable residents, portends the extensive and prolonged impact this occupation will have on Ottawa residents, in particular vulnerable residents;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor, with the support of City Council, make a formal request to both the Provincial and Federal Governments for funding specifically focused on supporting community social support agencies impacted by the occupation.